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FOR A/SY/OPS/FO AND A/OC/S FROM RSO

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SUBJECT: MAINTENANCE OF IBM ELECTRIC TYPEWRITERS

REF: (A) A/SY MEMORANDUM DATED 12/16/77, SUBJECT:
CARLSON (B) STATE A-3877 DATED 9/21/77

1. PER REFERENCE (A), MR. TOM CARLSON WAS FORMERLY EMPLOYED UNDER CONTRACT BY POST TO MAINTAIN/REPAIR OUR IBM ELECTRIC TYPEWRITERS. CARLSON PERMANENTLY DEPARTED MOSCOW ON MAY 21, 1978. AT THE PRESENT TIME, POST HAS NO CAPABILITY TO REPAIR THIS EQUIPMENT. SEVERAL NEW IBM ELECTRIC TYPEWRITERS ARE ON HAND AND NO IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS EXIST REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF REPLACEMENT TYPEWRITERS. HOWEVER, WE DO HAVE SOME TYPEWRITERS IN NEED OF REPAIR AND ANTICIPATE THAT IN THE WEEKS/MONTHS AHEAD OUR POSITION REGARDING TYPEWRITER AVAILABILITY WILL BECOME MORE CRITICAL.

2. RSO DOES NOT RECOMMEND A RETURN TO THE SITUATION WHICH EXISTED AT POST PRIOR TO CARLSON'S EMPLOYMENT, I.E., A SOVIET TECHNICIAN PERFORMED MAINTENANCE ON OUR CONTROLLED ELECTRIC TYPEWRITERS. REFERENCE (B),
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PARAGRAPH VI SPECIFICALLY STATES QUOTE MODIFICATION OR SERVICING OF ELECTRIC TYPEWRITERS IN THE USSR OR BLOC COUNTRIES MUST BE BY CLEARED U.S. PERSONNEL. THE ULTIMATE GOAL TO DEVELOP A HIGH SECURITY DEGREE OF ELECTRIC TYPEWRITER SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE SUPPORT, IS UNDER CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS. END QUOTE.

3. REQUEST POST BE ADVISED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF THE
PROCEDURES WE SHOULD FOLLOW TO OBTAIN REPAIR TO OUR
ELECTRIC TYPEWRITERS. TOON

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